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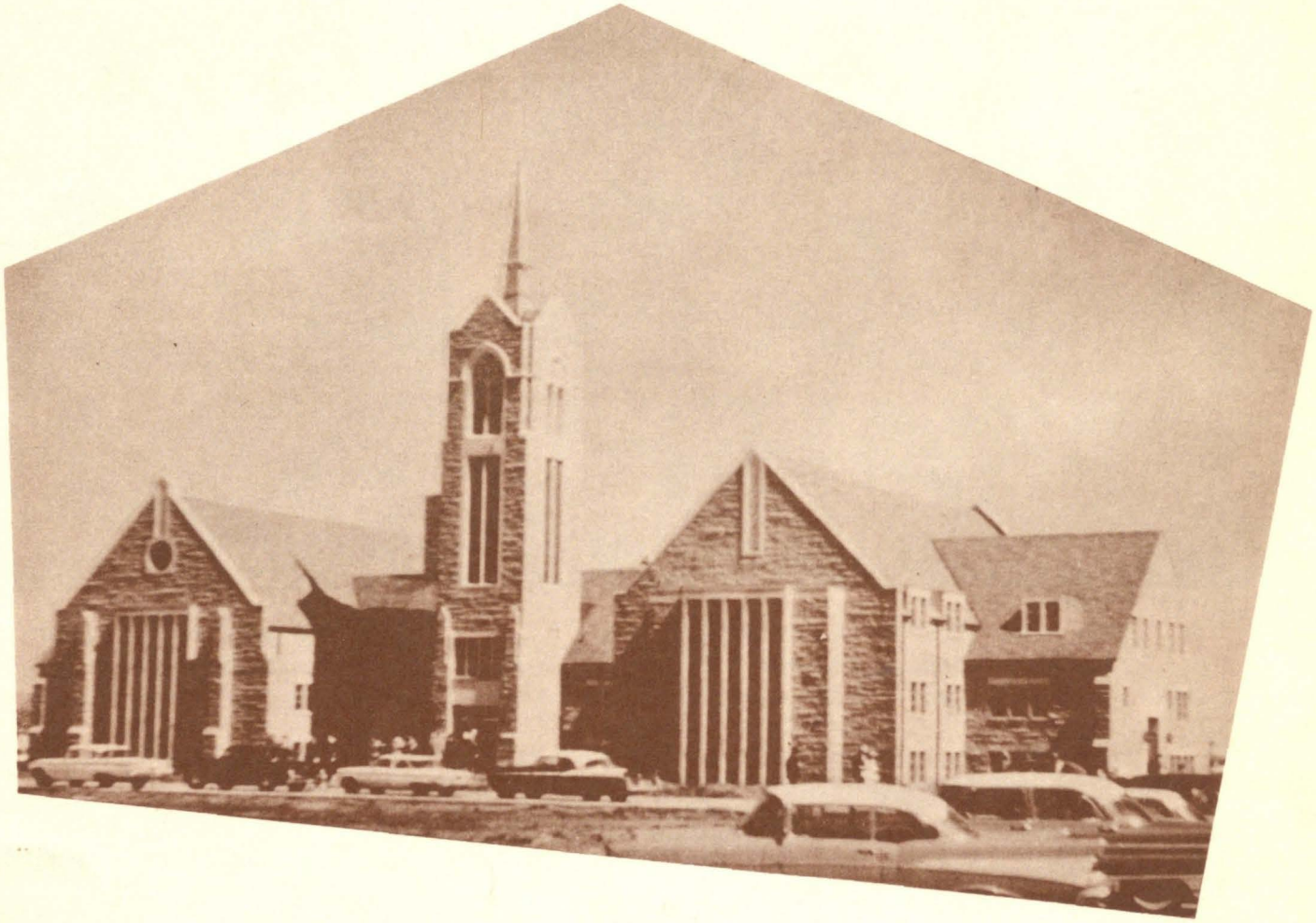

Consecration

of THE METHODIST CHURCH

Cline Avenue at 44th Place, GRIFFITH INDIANA

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 1961
11:00 A. M.

RICHARD C. RAINES, Resident Bishop
OTIS L. COLLIER, District Superintendent

WILBURT M. LITTRELL, Pastor
ROGER LYNN, Associate Pastor

REV. AND MRS. W. M. LITTRELL
Mary, Esther and Martha

REV. AND MRS. ROGER LYNN
Associate Pastor

New Temples

I think God loves new temples built to Him
And watches as each stone is laid on stone,
And smiles to see them laid so straight and true,
Lifting the strong wide walls to heaven's blue.
And when the carpenters have done with them,
And each new church stands finished and alone,
When dusk sifts violet shadows through the glass
Of painted windows, I think that God must pass
Between the new dim aisles, and stopping where
The last light falls across His shining hair,
He kneels and holds the first communion there.

—*Author Unknown*

ORDER OF SERVICE

This Is The House of The Lord

"ENTER TO WORSHIP — DEPART TO SERVE"

APRIL 23, 1961 :: 11:00 A. M.

• ORGAN MUSIC • PERIOD OF PRAYER • MEDITATION •

PRELUDE — CANTABILI — FRANCK NICAEA

HYMN — PROCESSIONAL – "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY" — Mrs. Donald Smith, Organist

(Congregation Rise)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and Mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert, and art, and ever more shall be.

Holy, holy, holy; though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name in earth, and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity! Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP, Rev. Wilburt Littrell

Minister: This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

Minister: Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.

People: For the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth. Amen.

(Here let the People be seated and bow in prayer.)

***INVOCATION, Rev. Wilburt Littrell

Let us pray: Almighty God, author of eternal light; illumine our hearts by the light of thy grace, that our lips may praise Thee, that our lives may bless thee, that our worship may glorify Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT, Minister and People

Almighty God unto whom all hearts open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Intervals for seating worshippers.

HYMN – "PRAISE TO THE LORD" – Neander

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shieldeth thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder a-new What the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING – THE KING OF GLORY – Psalm 24, Page 621

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

FOR HE HATH FOUNDED IT UPON THE SEAS, AND ESTABLISHED IT UPON THE FLOODS.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His holy place?

HE THAT HATH CLEAN HANDS, AND A PURE HEART: WHO HATH NOT LIFTED UP HIS SOUL UNTO VANITY, NOR SWORN DECEITFULLY.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

THIS IS THE GENERATION OF THEM THAT SEEK THY FACE.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors;

AND THE KING OF GLORY SHALL COME IN.

Who is this King of Glory?

THE LORD STRONG AND MIGHTY, THE LORD MIGHTY IN BATTLE.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors.

AND THE KING OF GLORY SHALL COME IN.

Who is this King of Glory?

THE LORD OF HOSTS, HE IS THE KING OF GLORY.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED – Page 512

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI (Stand)

SCRIPTURE LESSON, Rev. Roger Lynn

SOLO – "BLESS THIS HOUSE" – Harke – Mr. Richard Ready

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY "LORD OF ALL BEING" Hatton
(Altar) Junior Choir from Balcony - Directed by Mrs. John Shepard

DOXOLOGY (Stand)

THE ACT OF CONSECRATION

PRESENTATION OF THE BUILDING FOR CONSECRATION
Mr. Lynn Darin

Mr. Darin: Bishop Raines, we present this building to be Consecrated to the glory of God and the service of men.

DECLARATION — Bishop Richard C. Raines

In the name of God and in the presence of this congregation I now declare this church to be open for the worship of God and the service of men. May it be a house of prayer for all people. Upon you as a congregation there rests the solemn responsibility to see to it that all liability of a financial character resting upon this property be speedily lifted so that this church may be dedicated to God in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Let us join in an act of consecration to God and his Church.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER, Rev. Otis Collier

(Here let the people bow)

The Minister: Almighty and everlasting God, in communion with the saints in all the ages, and remembering the heritage that has been given to us, we offer thee our praise and thanksgiving.

The People: O Lord hear our prayer.

The Minister: Help us accept the privilege and responsibility of this thy fellowship of faith; here may we keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

The People: So may we fulfill the law of love.

The Minister: Enable us, by thy grace, to dedicate ourselves this day to the great task which thou dost lay upon our hearts and consciences.

The People: In all that we do, be thou, O Lord, our strength and help.

The Minister: Reveal to us the beauty of thy perfect law, the joy of our living Lord, so that with glad years we may move forward in paths of high devotion and great achievement.

The People: Be thou, O Lord, our guide and help for evermore. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, Rev. Otis Collier

Most glorious God, accept through thy beloved Son our thanksgivings for thine unspeakable love and goodness. Thou art the Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, full of compassion, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin. We thank thee that thou hast founded thy Church upon the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. We thank thee that thou hast committed to thy ministers the word of reconciliation. Continue thy loving-kindness unto us, that we may rejoice and be glad in thee all our days. Guide us by thy counsel, and afterward receive us to thy glory; where, with all the blessed host of heaven, we may behold, adore, and perfectly and joyfully praise thee, our most glorious creator, redeemer, and sanctifier, for ever and ever. Amen.

ANTHEM – "LORD MAKE ME THINE INSTRUMENT" – York

Chancel Choir directed by Mrs. Milford Christenson

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER, Rev. Wilburt Littrell

Choral Response

SERMON, Bishop Richard C. Raines

HYMN OF CONSECRATION

"Come, O Thou God of grace, Dwell in this holy place
E'en now descend! This temple, reared to Thee
O may it ever be Filled with Thy majesty,
Till time shall end!

Be in each song of praise Which here Thy people raise
With hearts a flame! Let every anthem rise,
Like incense, to the skies, A joyful sacrifice,
To Thy blest Name!

Speak, O eternal Lord, Out of Thy living Word,
O give success! Do Thou the truth impart
Unto each waiting heart; Source of all strength Thou art;
Thy Gospel Bless!

To the great One in Three, Glory and praises be
In love now given! Glad songs to Thee we sing,
Glad hearts to Thee we bring, Till we our God and King
Shall praise in heaven. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and evermore. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE – POSTLUDE – MAYLOR

BASKET DINNER — 12:30

MEMORIALS

WINDOW "ROSE WINDOW OF CHRIST"
In memory of our daughter Lynne Marie Martz
By Mr. and Mrs. William W. Martz

WINDOW "I AM THE VINE"
In memory of my husband Wallace L. Pitt
By Mrs. Wallace D. Pitt and Family

WINDOW "HOLY BIBLE"
In memory of my wife Rachel Wilcox
By Mr. Glenn L. Wilcox

UNIT OF THREE WINDOWS "HOLY CHALICE"
In memory of my husband Cletus V. Beaty and daughter Lolitia Beaty
By Mrs. C. V. Beaty and Family

UNIT OF THREE WINDOWS "TEN COMMANDMENTS"
In memory of my parents Sam and Mellue Woods
By Mrs. Wilma Malmstone

CROSS FOR THE ALTAR
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Dahly
By Mrs. Thure Waller

FURNISHINGS FOR THE BRIDE'S ROOM
In memory of Rev. Benjamin Rist
By the William O. Rist Family

BRASS FLOWER VASES FOR ALTAR
In memory of Rev. Marion Bishop
By Mr. and Mrs. William Allen
In memory of Mr. C. M. Davis
By Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Lowe

SCHULMERICH CARILLONS
In memory of Mrs. Frieda M. Christenson
By Mr. and Mrs. Milford P. Christenson

FLOWER STANDS
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Taggert
By Mr. and Mrs. Emery Lohman and Family

24 HYMNALS AND BOOKSHELVES IN THE PASTORS OFFICE
In memory of Norman S. Taylor and Charles R. Taylor
By Mrs. Norman Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Marion E. Coulter and Family, and Mrs. Arthur S. Taylor

CHAPEL WINDOWS
In memory of Austin and Anna Bailey
By Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Bailey,
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bailey, and
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Slaughter Jr.

SPECIAL GIFTS

OFFICE FURNITURE AND COMMUNION SET
By Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Patterson

THE ETERNAL LIGHT
By Mr. and Mrs. Roger B. Tennant and Family

BAPTISMAL FONT
By Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Yahnke and
Mr. David Yahnke

CANDLESTICKS FOR THE ALTAR
In honor of our beloved children Linda Ruth and Douglas Allen
By Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Black

GUEST REGISTER
By Mr. and Mrs. Denato Migliorini and sons Dan and Robert

SANCTUARY ALTAR
By Mr. and Mrs. Earl A. Paul

REFRIGERATOR IN KITCHENETTE
By Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Darin and Family

PULPIT AND LECTERN PARAMENTS
By Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Congleton, James and Janice

FOUR BRASS COLLECTION PLATES
By Mrs. David Todd

PHILODENDRON PLANTER FOR THE PARLOR
By Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bretzuis

FOUR BRASS COLLECTION PLATES
By Mr. and Mrs. Louis F. Dozsa

BRASS BAPTISMAL BOWL
By Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Scott and
Mr. and Mrs. William Hageman

DOVE WINDOW AND REDWOOD PLANTER IN BAY WINDOW
By Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hayden and Laura Lee

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM IN SANCTUARY
By Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Riggs, Jr.,
Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Yahnke, and
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Barnett

WINDOW "THE PRAYING HANDS"
By Johnson-Royce Funeral Home

WINDOW "THE LAMP"
By Mr. and Mrs. Cyril C. Schaefer and
Mr. David Schaefer

WINDOW - TORCH "THE LORD IS MY LIGHT"
By Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Newcomer and Family

AN AMERICAN FLAG SET
By Boy Scout Troop No. 131, sponsored by the Methodist Church

LIGHTING FIXTURES FOR THE CHAPEL
By Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nasby and
Mr. and Mrs. Russell F. Evans

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We pay special tribute to the work of Mr. Kenneth Williams, AIA of Kokomo, Indiana, whose architectural skill and ever-ready help was of the greatest importance in the building of this church.

We greatly appreciate the work of the Building Committee who gave endlessly of their time and efforts to bring this church to completion.

Lynn Darin, Chairman			
Warren Zimmerman	Ted Tom	Stuart Moyes	William Rist
Herbert Book	Mrs. Walter Black	Roger Tennant	Ralph Congleton
Elmer Yahnke, Treas.	Donn Chalfant	Clark Dale, Sec'y.	Chester Balog

We thank Lloyd Wiltfong for the printing of this booklet.

We are especially thankful for the work of our pastor, Rev. Wilburt M. Littrell, in whose honor we have named Littrell Fellowship Hall, in the hope that it will in some small measure show our appreciation.

We acknowledge the Memorials and Special Gifts which have been given. We take this method of thanking those who have given any gift, large or small.

Finally, to all the members and friends of the congregation who have given generously of their time and talents and treasures to make this church a reality, we offer our heartfelt thanks. Without their help the building of this church would have been an impossibility.

Balcony View of Sanctuary

THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE GRIFFITH METHODIST CHURCH

Methodism in Griffith is as old as the town. In 1893 the Northwest Conference appointed two supply pastors to the open country lying about ten miles southeast of Hammond. In that same year three men from Chicago purchased a vast acreage of land centering about the intersection of five railroads which cross the main street within a distance of one block. One of these men was a Mr. Griffith for whom the town was named.

In that year Rev. E. T. George and Rev. A. W. Smith came as supply pastors to the community. Services were held in homes, storerooms, and later in the Town Hall. The first "class" was organized in 1914 under the leadership of the Rev. R. O. Hills, a student from the Garrett Biblical Institute. In 1915 the first building was erected. Twelve members of the congregation participated in this program. On April 16, 1916, the District Superintendent, Dr. M. H. Appleby, dedicated the new church, free and clear of debt. It is presumed that the Mission Board gave aid by contributing to this building. The building consisted of a basement, two classrooms and a sanctuary and was built at the total cost of $5,000.

By 1917 the congregation had increased from 12 to 16 members. Of these 16 William and Adolph C. Penning, Stella Watkins Chalfant, Mrs. Earl Butler

and Clayton Watkins still hold their membership here.

Three years later in 1920 the church building burned to the ground and again the congregation was forced to worship in store buildings or the Town Hall. The church remained a part of the Merrillville Circuit. In 1920 the Trustees of the church were W. P. Christenson, William Penning, Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Malmstone and James Scott. In 1921 they entered into a contract with J. W. Reed of Hammond "to furnish plans and specifications for the new church building, and also to supervise the construction of said building in the capacity of contractor." The church was to be built on the northeast corner of Broad and Columbia Streets. The building was T-shaped and brick replaced the stucco of the original church. The sanctuary had a seating capacity of 200 with an open chancel. The dining room, kitchen and entrance hall constituted the rear section. The basement and second floor each had three classrooms with a furnace in the basement.

This church was dedicated by Bishop F. D. Leete on February 12, 1922. Rev. R. S. McCutcheon was the pastor, serving a community of about 1,000 people.

The records of that year report 61 members on the roll and 122 pupils in the Church School. Mrs. J. R. Clark was Church School Superintendent. Mrs. Emma Summers undertook the task of organizing the Chancel Choir which has added inspirational meaning to the services since its beginning.

During the pastorate of the Rev. J. E. Milnes beginning in 1931 a unified worship program was organized. Rev. G. A. Trodie followed Rev. Milnes as the pastor and accomplished two noteworthy achievements. A beautiful Hammond Electric organ was installed in the sanctuary and a six room parsonage was built one block east of the church on Lafayette Avenue.

During the ministry of Rev. Harold K. Joyce from 1945 to 1946 a third building program was started. A financial campaign netted $12,000 and an architect was employed.

Rev. Marion Bishop was assigned to the Griffith church in 1947 and was to remain here until his retirement from the active ministry in 1952. Under his leadership the congregation more than doubled and the church school attendance increased nearly 70%. The building program was revised and Mr. Roy Christenson was employed as the architect. A new financial campaign netted $17,000. Ground breaking ceremonies for this $73,000 addition were held on February 26, 1950. Construction began in July on an addition which was to consist of two units. One section which connected with the west end of the old building had a basement, dining room, a chapel on the first floor, a nursery, kindergarten department, class rooms, church office and the pastor's study. This unit was of steel and cement construction faced with Bedford rock. The windows are cathedral art glass

Rev. Littrell, welcoming a youth on Opening Day — February 19, 1961

Interior — Church Parlor

with ecclesiastical symbols. North of the old building and connected to the new section to the west was a basement containing a large kitchen, club room, class room and entrance room.

The cornerstone for this addition was laid on November 26, 1950. The Rev. (now Bishop) Edwin R. Garrison of Indianapolis was the guest speaker for the morning service. Rev. P. B. Smith, Superintendent of the South Bend District was speaker for the afternoon service.

Rev. Wesley Brashares came to the Griffith church in 1952 upon the retirement of Rev. Bishop. He helped organize and establish two Sunday morning worship services. The Altar Choir was formed and the Senior MYF became an active organization.

The Methodist church continued to grow, keeping pace with ever increasing population of Griffith and the surrounding communities. In 1955 it was necessary to add an associate pastor and the Rev. DeWayne Woodring was selected. He took care of the field of education within the church. Two more MYF groups were organized. The average attendance in the worship services jumped from 182 per Sunday to 429 per Sunday in four years time. Along with the attendance growth the budget grew accordingly.

On October 1, 1956, Rev. W. M. Littrell became the pastor of the Griffith church. Immediately the building program which had been dormant for some time was revived. Late in October the church began a previously planned canvass of its members and constituents for both the budget and building purposes. Under the supervision of the Wells organization $140,000 was pledged.

Up to this time no definite plans had been made in regard to a building program. Therefore, it was decided to take a "Straw Vote" by the congregation as to whether or not a new church should be relocated or kept at the same site. The ballot showed that 75% of the members wished to relocate the church while 25% wished to remain at the present location and add an addition. Five proposals were presented by the Building Committee: 1-Relocation; 2-Sale of the Church; 3-The new Site; 4-Assets and Financial Plan; and 5-the Church to be Built. These plans were presented to the Official Board and approved in logical order. Subsequently the new site was approved on June 30, 1957 and the Finance Plan on August 25, 1957. The Congregation called to vote on the complete proposal on January 19, 1958, responded with an overwhelming vote of approval.

The final contract with the architect, Mr. Kenneth Williams of Kokomo, Indiana, was signed on February 12, 1958. On August 26, 1959, the bids were opened and the contract awarded to the A. B. Cooper Co. of Gary, Indiana, the low bidder.

On July 29, 1959, the old church was sold to the Griffith Masonic Lodge for $100,000 and a bank loan for $200,000 was negotiated.

On September 13, 1959, the Congregation assembled and Ground was broken for the new church. The Rev. Otis Collier, the District Superintendent, was present and spoke briefly. The members of the Building Committee eached turned a spade of earth and finally the Congregation with the children leading out, enthusiastically pulled an old fashioned plow across the land indicating that as we pull together we can build a great church for Griffith.

Ten months later on July 24, 1960, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon the Congregation again assembled on the new site to Lay the Cornerstone. The contents of the Cornerstone are as follows: Volume I-Issue I of the Together Magazine; Copy of the New Testament and Psalms of the Revised Standard Version; Copy of the 1956 edition of the Discipline of the Methodist Church; Copy of the Ground Breaking and Cornerstone Laying services; Copy of the History of the Griffith Methodist Church; Year Book of the WSCS; Copy of the Budget and a Copy of the Members of the Church and the Members of the Official Board.

One of the most active groups in the church is the Women's Society of Christian Service organized in 1941. Their general purpose is to unite the women of the church in the nation to more effectively and completely administer to the needs of the church, the nation and the world. They support the World Day of Prayer and cooperate with the Conference School of Missions.

The governing body of the church is the Official Board. They administer the business of the church on a month-to-month basis. The Trustees carry the larger responsibility of the Board in that they hold and manage all real property of the church. They are responsible for the maintenance, repairs, and improvements of the property and act as the legal corporation of the church.

On February 15, 1961, after months of hard work, sacrificial giving and the many prayers of the congregation the Methodists moved into the beautiful new sanctuary built at the corner of Cline Avenue and 44th Place. Appropriately the first service held in the church was the World Day of Prayer to which all the women of the community were invited. This was followed by a communion service in the evening as a prelude to the first Sunday morning service held on February 19. The Open House in the afternoon attracted 1,800 people of the church and community. Many of these stayed to hear the vesper service presented by the two choirs.

During the first six weeks the attendance in the two morning worship services has increased 100% over the attendance in the old church. On Easter Sunday over 1,100 people were in attendance at the two church services.

Thus Methodism in Griffith has grown from a church of 12 members to one of 1,306 members in 68 years. Many people have had a part in this growth. Many people can be proud of the progressive spirit found in this church. We have come a long way in our service for the Lord.

SOUTH FRONT NAVE
Center Symbol — PRAYING HANDS — Psalm 28:2

LEFT —
"Creator's Star"
Star of David
Genesis 1:1-31
Apple from the Garden of Eden
Genesis 3:3
Flaming Sword of Expulsion
Genesis 3:24
Noah's Ark (Ship-Nave)
Genesis 7:1
Dove with Olive Sprig
Genesis 8:11

RIGHT —
Tower of Babel
Genesis 11:1-9
Melchizdez, early king of Jerusalem
Genesis 14:17-20
Jacob and His Family
Genesis 35:23-26 & 37-9
Joseph's Coat of Many Colors
Genesis 37:3
Censer—Symbol of Prayer
Psalm 141:2

SOUTH, SECOND FROM FRONT
Center Symbol — TEN COMMANDMENTS TABLETS — Exodus 24:12

LEFT —
Basket of Bulrushes
Exodus 2:3
Burning Bush
Call of Moses
Exodus 3:4
Aaron's Rod Became a Serpent
Exodus 7:10
Lamb Without Blemish
Exodus 12: 5-6
Blood Sprinkled Door-posts and Lintel
Exodus 12: 7 & 13

RIGHT —
The Pentateuch or Torah
The first five books of Old Testament—Jewish Law
Discovering the Promised Land
Numbers 13:23-27
Feast of Pentecost
Leviticus 23:10
Deuteronomy 16:13
Seven-Branched Candle-stick or Menorah
Exodus 25:31-37
Ark of the Covenant
Old Testament Worship
Exodus 25:10-22

SOUTH THIRD FROM FRONT
Center Symbol — GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT - CLOVEN TONGUES LIKE AS OF FIRE — Acts 2:1-4

LEFT —
God the Father—Souls of the Righteous in Hand of God
John 10:29
God the Father—The all-Seeing Eye
Proverbs 5:21
God the Son—Iesugram Symbol in Center of Sun
Malachi 4:2
God the Son
"I Am the Light of the World"
John 8:12
God the Holy Spirit
The Descending Dove
John 1:32

RIGHT —
Three Intertwining Circles—Equality, Unity Co-Eternal Nature of the Trinity
John 5:18
"I Am the Bread of Life"
God Present With Us
John 6:35
The Eternity of the Trinity
Matthew 28:19-20
Theological Shield of the Trinity
Matthew 28:19
Seven-Petaled Columbine
Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Revelation 5:12

SOUTH REAR
Center Symbol — THE CHURCH - I AM THE VINE, YE ARE THE BRANCHES — John 15:5

LEFT —
The Ship (Nave-Sanctuary)

RIGHT —
Handshake of Brotherhood

The Church Sails Unharmed Through all Perils
Genesis 7:1
Beehive — A community of Those Who Work Together for the Benefit of All. Proverbs 16:24
Bell — The Sounding Forth of the Word of God

The Twelve Apostles — The Household of God Built on a Foundation of Apostles. Ephesians 2:19

A Unity of Faith as Expressed in the World Council of Churches
Ephesians 4:13

2 Peter 1:7
1 John 4:7
Church in the Hand of God
Matt. 16:18
Cross of Christ Triumphant
Over the World Rev. 5:5
John 16:33
Christ Jesus, Himself Being the Chief Cornerstone — Ancient Form of Greek abbreviation for Christ
Ephesians 2:19
Wesley Coat of Arms — "God Is Love"
1 John 4:16

NORTH FRONT NAVE
Center Symbol — "THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET" — Psalm 119:105

LEFT —
"A Cup of Cold Water"
Be Ye Merciful, As Your Father Also is Merciful
Luke 6:36-38
Good Samaritan Go and Do Thou Likewise
Luke 10:29-37
Helping Hand
Luke 10:34
Knock and It Shall Be Opened
Luke 11:9
Ravens and Lilies—Seek Ye the Kingdom of God, and All These Things Shall be Added Unto You
Luke 12:16-31

RIGHT —
Render Therefore Unto Caesar the Things which are Caesar's and Unto God the Things that are God's. Matthew 22:15-22
Wise Man Which Built His House on the Rock; Foolish Man Which Built His House on Sand
Matthew 7:24-27
Some Seed was Eaten by Birds, Withered on the Stones, Choked by Thorns, but that which fell on Good Ground Flourished
Matthew 13:3-8
A Man Sowed Good Seed in His Field but His Enemy Came and Sowed Tares. Matthew 13:24-30
Men Do Not Light a Candle and Put it under a Bushel, but on a Candle-stick
Matthew 5:15 Mark 4:21
Luke 8:16

NORTH SECOND FROM FRONT
Center Symbol — "CHALICE"—THE LAST SUPPER — Luke 24:13

LEFT —
Palm Branches Spread in Christ's Path
John 12:13
Christ's Agony at Gethsemane, The Cup and the Cross
Luke 22:42
Jesus' Arrest by Men with Lanterns and Torches
John 18:3

RIGHT —
Crown of Thorns and Three Nails Mockery, Judgment, and Crucifixion
John 19:2, 5, 16-18
The Seamless Coat for which the Soldiers cast lots
John 19:23-24

Judas' Treacherous Conspiracy, Moneybag and Silver Coins
Matthew 26:15
"Then Pilate Took Jesus and Scourged Him"
John 19:1

Our Lord's Death, Sponge with Vinegar offered Him on Cross
Matthew 27:48
The Crucifixion—"As Moses Lifted Up the Serpent So Must the Son Of Man Be Lifted Up"
John 3:14-15
Power of Our Lord to Burst the Tomb and Come Forth—
Pomegranate. Luke 24:2-3

NORTH THIRD FROM FRONT

Center Symbol — DISCIPLES OR WITNESSING CHRISTIANS — Matthew 5:16

LEFT —

Peter, Given the Keys to the Kingdom
Matthew 16:18-19
Andrew, Died on a Cross of this type
Matthew 4:18
James (The Greater) Emblem of His Travels
Mark 3:17
Phillip Doubted Christ's Ability to Feed Multitude
John 6:7
Jude or Thaddeus, Made Many Missionary Voyages
Mark 3:18

RIGHT —

James (The Lesser) His Body Was Sawn Asunder
Mark 3:18
Bartholomew is Said to have been Flayed Alive
Mark 3:18
Simon the Zealot was a Fisher of Men Through the Gospel
Mark 3:18
Thomas Built a Church with His Own Hands
John 11:16
Paul "Apostle to the Gentiles" Not One of the Twelve
Acts 9:3-9

NORTH REAR

Center Symbol — THE OPEN BIBLE—THE WORD OF GOD

LEFT —

The Septuagine (70) or Greek Version of the Old Testament
The Messianic Rose, Promise of the Birth of the Messiah
Isaiah 35:1
The Epiphany Star, Representing God Made Man—Birth of Christ
Numbers 24:17
Matthew 2:1-11
Gospel of Matthew, Manhood of Christ—A Winged Man
Revelation 4:7
Gospel of Mark, Power and Miracles of Christ—A Winged Lion
Revelation 4:7

RIGHT —

A Trumpet Calling to Holy Convocation, Warning, Day of Judgment
Leviticus 23:24
Ezekiel 33:3
1 Corinthians 15:52
First Three Greek Letters in Name of Jesus—common use
Matthew 1:21 and 25
Calvary Cross, Three Steps from Top Down—Love, Hope, Faith
I Corinthians 13:13
Gospel of Luke, Sacrifice and Atonement of Savior —a Winged Ox
Revelation 4:7
Gospel of John, reaches greater heights of revelation than others, an Eagle
Revelation 4:7

CHURCH PARLOR

ANCHOR CROSS—THE HOPE WHICH IS OURS BY FAITH THOUGH CHRIST BY WHOM WE GIVE CHRISTIAN SERVICE — Hebrew 6:19

LEFT —

Lamp, Christian Knowledge and Education
Psalm 119:105
Wand of Hermes and Olive Branch Represent the Medical and Social Work of the Church, Hospitals and Homes
I Corinthians 12:9
Jerusalem Cross, Missionary Service and the Spread of the Gospel
Matthew 28:19
Open Bible and Shepherd's Staff Represents Pastoral Ministry
II Timothy 4:2
Mark 6:8
The Heart Represents Christian Love and Service to Those in Need
I Corinthians 16:14
I Corinthians 13

RIGHT —

Scissors, a Reminder of Service as the Role of Women in the Church
Acts 9:39
Martha, Hostess of Our Lord, Patroness of Housewives and Cooks
Luke 10:40
Eve, the First Woman is Symbolized by a Distaff
Genesis 2:22
The Human Foot Represents Humility and Voluntary Servitude
John 13:5 Isaiah 52:7
Open Bag of Money, Charity to the Poor
Mark 10:21

CENTER SYMBOL FOURTH WINDOW — THE BUTTERFLY RESURRECTION AND ETERNAL LIFE

RIGHT —

The Circle, Eternity, Without Beginning and Without End
Revelations 1:8
"Be Thou Faithful Unto Death and I Will Give Thee the Crown of Life."
Revelations 2:10
Immortality—Renewed Life is Released from the Decayed Lily Bulb
John 11:25
John 12:24
Immortality—Mythical Phoenix upon Death Bursts into Flame and Rises from His Own Ashes
I Corinthians 15:38-42
Resurrection—When Peacock Sheds His Feathers, More Brilliant Ones Grow
I Corinthian 15:53

CHAPEL

FRONT CENTER SYMBOL — JOHN WESLEY

Susanna Wesley Teaching Her Sons
A Burning House
"He was as a brand plucked from a burning building"
A New Testament
A Man Preaching from a Tombstone
The Circuit Rider
Conference Bible, Lamp and Gavel

BACK CENTER SYMBOL — CHARLES WESLEY

Trumpets
Symbol of Gospel Call
Scroll of Music
A China Teapot of Wesley's time (not a lamp)
Harp
Symbol of Music
Coat of Arms of Wesley Family
Lovely Lane Chapel in Baltimore

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